CITY OF PALO ALTO
PROCLAMATION

COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY
ARTIST FLETCHER BENTON

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that Public Art enhances aesthetic life, enlivens a city's visual quality, and promotes community prestige; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto has established a Public Art Commission to foster these goals, and is dedicated to acquiring the highest quality artworks to augment the City's collection; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity arose to add a major piece of sculpture to the collection through the collaboration of Stanford Management, the Public Art Commission and artist Fletcher Benton; and

WHEREAS, Fletcher Benton was willing to work unselfishly and generously with the City, offering an outstanding sculpture; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Fletcher Benton's sculpture, "Tilted Donut, #5", having become the signature piece of the City's public art collection; and

WHEREAS, Fletcher Benton is one of only twenty artists to be honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for "exemplary contributions to the field of sculpture" from the International Sculpture Center; and

WHEREAS, Fletcher Benton's reputation as a preeminent figure in contemporary art is unquestioned.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LARRY KLEIN, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council do hereby, with gratitude and appreciation, congratulate Fletcher Benton on his significant contribution to the City of Palo Alto's Public Art Collection.

Larry Klein
Mayor

City of Palo Alto
(June 2008)